

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Bureau of Intelligence and Research
Department of State
Attn: Mr. Martin Packman

Deputy Director for Intelligence
Defense Intelligence Agency
Attn: Major General Lincoln D. Faurer, USAF

Deputy Director for SIGINT Operations
National Security Agency
Attn: [REDACTED]

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Deputy Director for Intelligence
Central Intelligence Agency
Attn: Mr. Richard Lehman

SUBJECT: Meeting of the Committee for the National Intelligence
Bulletin (NIB)

1. The Working Subcommittee for the National Intelligence Bulletin (NIB) met on 3 October. The principal issues addressed in this meeting are outlined in the attached Memorandum for the Record.

2. As a number of issues were raised at this meeting but not resolved, I suggest that we meet to consider the DIA proposals in my office (Room 6 E 04, CIA Headquarters, Telephone [REDACTED] at 1430 on 16 October.

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Chief, Product Review Division
Intelligence Community Staff

Attachment

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting of the Working Subcommittee for the National Intelligence Bulletin (NIB)

1. On 3 October 1974, a meeting of the Working Subcommittee for the National Intelligence Bulletin was held at CIA Headquarters.

2. Chaired by [] of the IC Staff, attending were [] of DIA, Mr. Martin Packman and Mr. Robert Baraz of INR/Department of State, [] of the NIB Staff and [] of NSA.

3. The major issues brought up at this meeting were raised by the DIA representative and concerned an expanded role and greater visibility for DIA in the publication of the NIB.

4. DIA made these proposals:

a. that there be more specific accreditation for NIB articles to include the name of the analyst and the identification of the agency originating the article.

b. that the NIB be compartmented to include a separately identifiable military intelligence section within the NIB.

c. that a military intelligence editor be assigned to the NIB staff who would be responsive primarily to the Director, DIA.

5. Concerning the issue of identifying author and agency of origin, while a number of conferees saw some merit in this idea there was by no means universal support for it. The position taken by the IC representative was that the idea was not responsive to the original concept for the NIB --- as a publication which represented not an individual or agency view so much as the DCI's view. He also noted that there were some practical problems also involved such as how to provide a credit line when an item was the result of a joint venture of two or more agencies. It was further suggested that the concept of giving individual articles specific accreditation be limited to special items that provided in-depth appraisal of a specific problem rather than for all items.

6. On the matter of having a separate military intelligence section within the NIB, the conferees indicated that such a recommendation would logically require further compartmentation to include sections on political

intelligence, economic intelligence, terrorism, etc. The NIB editor saw problems involved in this approach as it would, inter alia, make it difficult for him to highlight items, i.e., put the subjects of greatest interest closer to the front of the daily NIB. The Intelligence Community representative noted that such compartmentation was initially considered in the early meetings which led to preparing the NIB Charter and rejected on the grounds of inflexibility, i.e., very few items are purely military, economic or political intelligence. He suggested as an alternative means of giving greater visibility to an agency's inputs to the NIB, that specific in-depth items (such as the Cyprus OB item of a few weeks ago) be placed in the back of the book and clearly identified as a special item which was the product of a specific production agency.

7. Concerning the issue that a military editor be assigned to the NIB staff who would be responsive primarily to the Director of DIA, there was little support for this idea. The IC representative noted that in the preparation of the original charter it was considered crucial that the NIB editorial staff be directly responsive to the DCI and not to any specific production agency. To establish a military editor for the NIB would lead to the creation of an adversary relationship within the NIB staff and would likely sound the death knell for the NIB. It was suggested that a more effective modus operandi might be for DIA to establish a NIB military editor at DIA who would act as the voice of military intelligence in dealing with the NIB editors. If this military editor was unsuccessful in advancing the articles and views of the Director, DIA to the NIB staff, it would then be incumbent upon the Director, DIA to raise the issue with the DCI.

8. As there was no unanimity expressed in how to deal with these issues the meeting of the Working Subcommittee closed with the recommendation that the principals be convened to make decisions related to the DIA proposals.



Colonel, USMC

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